**Structural Adjustment Loan to Maharashtra**

2325. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra and other State Governments have requested the Central Government for a one time grant of soft loan and forwarding their Structural Adjustment Loans (SAL) to the World Bank, to help them overcome the current financial crisis;

(b) if so, the extent of one-time grant and SAL sought by Maharashtra and other States; and

(c) the Central Government's response to the State Government of Maharashtra and other State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) This Ministry received proposals from eight States for Structural Adjustment Loans (SAL) assistance. Name of these States and the amount of assistance requested are shown in the Statement. (See below)

(c) On acceptance of the recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission by the Government of India, this Ministry issued revised guidelines to States for SAL assistance wherein States were requested to furnish fresh proposals as per revised guidelines. Subsequently, so far, only two proposals have been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa for SAL assistance which have been posed to World Bank.

***Statement***

*State-wise details of proposals for Structural Adjustment Loans*

| SI.No. | Name of State | Assistance requested (US $ million apprex.) |
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| 1. | Maharashtra | 750 |
| 2. | Punjab | 800 |
| 3. | Rajasthan | 2222 |
| 4. | Uttar Pradesh | 245 |
| 5. | Himachal Pradesh | Figure yet to be firmed up. |
| 6 | Orissa | 200 |
| 7. | Andhra Pradesh | 200 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 250 |